



**ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL**  
Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost  
31 October 2021

**Parish  
Link**

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The Vicar writes...

Welcome to our online worship today! It is good to announce that our church will be opening for public worship next Sunday – 7<sup>th</sup> November. Anyone is invited to the 8am service but only fully-vaccinated people will be admitted to the 9.30am liturgy where you will have to show proof of your vaccination status. In our Gospel this morning from Mark we find that words are powerful. The experience of listening to another is powerful. The experience of being listened to and being heard can transform individuals and their opinion of themselves. The crowd of onlookers heard the discussion between the scribe and Jesus, equals who treated one another with respect, and no-one dared ask anything else because they were scared that it might cause them to question their own beliefs and practice. Being willing to ask questions and engage with those who have a different outlook can lead to the growth and development of faith or a change of opinion. This is part of healthy dialogue. In engaging with others, particularly those with whom we believe we are in conflict, it is crucial to keep an open mind. Jesus and the scribe found out that they were in agreement, even though we might expect them to have conflicting views. It is therefore essential to listen to what a person is actually saying rather than what we expect they will say. It is necessary to ensure that we fully understand the words used and their true meaning. I believe such encounters can transform lives. Words are powerful tools so let's use them to love God and our neighbours abundantly. Let us pray:

*O God who gave us the intellect and awareness to ask questions,  
about you, about life, about faith, about love,  
we pray that you will grant us the strength, gentleness and patience  
to formulate our questions well  
and to listen with compassion as we seek to better understand  
those with whom we disagree.  
May conflict lead to dialogue.  
May engagement breed empathy.  
May difference be held with respect.*

The Sunday service will be live-streamed at 9.30am  
on Sunday morning.  
Please check the parish website for updates.

**After this Sunday, the church will be fully open  
for all Sunday and weekday services.**

Sentence: Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back. Luke 6.38

### Prayer of the Day

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of evil and make us your children and heirs of eternal life: grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### First Reading: Ruth 1.1-18

<sup>1</sup> In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. <sup>2</sup> The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. <sup>3</sup> But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. <sup>4</sup> These took Moabite wives; the name of one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there for about ten years, <sup>5</sup> both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons or her husband. <sup>6</sup> Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had had consideration for his people and given them food. <sup>7</sup> So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. <sup>8</sup> But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, ‘Go back each of you to your mother’s house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. <sup>9</sup> The Lord grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband.’ Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. <sup>10</sup> They said to her, ‘No, we will return with you to your people.’ <sup>11</sup> But Naomi said, ‘Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? <sup>12</sup> Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, <sup>13</sup> would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the Lord has turned against me.’ <sup>14</sup> Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. <sup>15</sup> So she said, ‘See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.’ <sup>16</sup> But Ruth said, ‘Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God. <sup>17</sup> Where you die, I will die — there will I be buried. May the Lord do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!’ <sup>18</sup> When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

For the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God**

## Psalm: 146

- <sup>1</sup> Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul:  
**while I live I will praise the Lord;**
- <sup>2</sup> While I have any being:  
**I will sing praises to my God.**
- <sup>3</sup> Put not your trust in princes:  
**nor in flesh and blood, which cannot save.**
- <sup>4</sup> For when their breath goes from them, they return again to the earth:  
**and on that day all their thoughts perish.**
- <sup>5</sup> Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob:  
**whose hope is in the Lord their God,**
- <sup>6</sup> The God who made heaven and earth:  
**the sea, and all that is in them,**
- <sup>7</sup> Who keeps faith for ever:  
**who deals justice to those that are oppressed.**
- <sup>8</sup> The Lord gives food to the hungry:  
**and sets the captives free.**
- <sup>9</sup> The Lord gives sight to the blind:  
**the Lord lifts up those that are bowed down.**
- <sup>10</sup> The Lord loves the righteous:  
**the Lord cares for the stranger in the land.**
- <sup>11</sup> He upholds the widow and the fatherless:  
**as for the way of the wicked, he turns it upside down.**
- <sup>12</sup> The Lord shall be king for ever:  
**your God, O Zion, shall reign through all generations. Praise the Lord.**

## Second Reading: Hebrews 9.11-15

<sup>11</sup> But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), <sup>12</sup> he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. <sup>13</sup> For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, <sup>14</sup> how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God! <sup>15</sup> For this reason he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, because a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions under the first covenant.

For the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Mark, Chapter 12, starting at verse 13

### **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

<sup>13</sup> Then they sent to him some Pharisees and some Herodians to trap him in what he said. <sup>14</sup> And they came and said to him, ‘Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality, but teach the way of God in accordance with truth. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not? <sup>15</sup> Should we pay them, or should we not?’ But knowing their hypocrisy, he said to them, ‘Why are you putting me to the test? Bring me a denarius and let me see it.’ <sup>16</sup> And they brought one. Then he said to them, ‘Whose head is this, and whose title?’ They answered, ‘The emperor’s.’ <sup>17</sup> Jesus said to them, ‘Give to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.’ And they were utterly amazed at him. <sup>28</sup> One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, ‘Which commandment is the first of all?’ <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered, ‘The first is, “Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; <sup>30</sup> you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.”’ <sup>31</sup> The second is this, “You shall love your neighbour as yourself.” There is no other commandment greater than these.’

<sup>32</sup> Then the scribe said to him, ‘You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that “he is one, and besides him there is no other”; <sup>33</sup> and “to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength”, and “to love one’s neighbour as oneself”,—this is much more important than all whole burnt-offerings and sacrifices.’ <sup>34</sup> When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, ‘You are not far from the kingdom of God.’ After that no one dared to ask him any question.

For the Gospel of our Lord, **praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

### **Years Mind**

Ivy Hobba, Phyllis Yong, Shirley Walter, Louise Vernon, Len Hodges,  
Joy Watkinson and Thelma McKenzie, whose anniversaries occur at this time.



### **Prayer Points**

*The Church:* The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria (Abp Mouneer Hanna Anis); The Diocese of Wangaratta (Bp Clarence Bester, Clergy & People); Melbourne Anglican Foundation; St Augustine's Mentone (Ben Soderlund); St Stephen's Richmond – Confirmation Service (Bp Genieve Blackwell).

*The Parish:* Give thanks for the church opening up this week.

*The World:* Continue to pray for the people of Afghanistan and its government.

*The Nation:* Pray for co-operation and tolerance amongst our population.

## Prayer of the Week

Blessed Lord, you have caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them, that, by patience and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

## Daily Readings

Monday	Romans 11.29-36	Ps 69.31-38	Luke 14.12-14
Tuesday	Romans 12.5-16a	Ps 131	Luke 14.15-24
Wednesday	Romans 13.8-10	Ps 112.1-6	Luke 14.25-33
Thursday	Romans 14.7-12	Ps 27.11-14	Luke 15.1-10
Friday	Romans 15.14-21	Ps 98.1-4	Luke 16.1-8
Saturday	Romans 16.1-5, 16-27	Ps 145	Luke 16.9-15



If you have anything you would like included in the Parish Link Notices, please let Cecilia know in writing **before Thursday at [anglicans.boxhill@bigpond.com](mailto:anglicans.boxhill@bigpond.com)**

## BEING COVID SAFE AND VACCINATION PROOF

As with all other institutions, the church is required to ensure a safe environment by making sure that all those attending the **9.30am service and group activities have proof of a Covid double vaccination.**

**Smartphone users**, simply show your vaccination tick at the door when you check in with the QR code. (Once this is seen by Covid officer or sidespersons, this will not have to be shown again.)

**No smartphone?** Please bring evidence of vaccination with you to be sighted by the Covid officer. (This only needs to be done once.)

**Not vaccinated?** Please speak to the Vicar about attending the 8.00am service.

For the safety of all, please remember to situate yourself at least **1.5m** away from others. High touch areas will be cleaned after each service.

## LECTIONARIES

There are now a few copies left of the 2022 Lectionary and they are available till all gone at a cost of \$12 (cash preferred). Contact Cecilia in the office.



## 2 BILLION KILOMETRES TO SAFETY

Sophia will again be participating in the fundraising initiative of the UN Refugee Agency – 2 Billion Km to Safety (2BK for short) – which will run through November. The goal is to walk 238 Km – the distance covered by a family - mother Hadeel, father and their three children, a 4 year old and 2 year old twins, to escape from Syria.

As we know, people are suffering greatly as they are displaced, especially at present in Afghanistan and Yemen. UNHCR provides real, practical assistance where help is urgently needed.

You can read more at <https://www.unrefugees.org.au/get-involved/fundraise/2-billion-kilometres-to-safety/>

Donations – the goal is \$700 (but we exceeded that last year!) and/or encouragement much appreciated.

Donations can be made at <https://www.stepwithrefugees.org.au/sophia-errey>



## Fundraising

As part of our fundraising, 2021 **Prospect Wines in Nunawading** again offer you their quality wines and some Australian goods. All ordering is done online.

**YOU HAVE UNTIL NOV 26 TO PLACE AN ORDER**

- **Go to:** <https://prospectwines.com.au/product/box-hill-anglican-church/>
- Orders must be a **minimum of 6 bottles** per order. After 6, then any number is fine.
- Delivery cost is \$6 per order in Melbourne metro area.
- If you order 12 bottles you will receive a 13<sup>th</sup> bottle of wine free.
- Contact Hilary with any questions about orders, payments or combining orders. 9899 7553 or 0400 635 600 or [cchrb@hotmail.com](mailto:cchrb@hotmail.com)

## AUSTRALIAN ANGLICAN CHURCH CALENDAR

It's that time again. If you would like to purchase a calendar for the 2021 year, please contact Michele on 9890 4387/0408 531 045 or [themitchells01@bigpond.com](mailto:themitchells01@bigpond.com). They remain the same price i.e, \$12.00 each.

## MOTHERS' UNION

We will be able to hold our fundraising in conjunction with 9.30am service on November 14.

Envelopes will be distributed on the day. We will sell tickets to our raffle and draw the 4 prizes.

A stall at the back of the church will be available for items for sale.

At this stage we think we will be able to hold our AGM on Wed 24th Nov in the Undercroft.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to have our Annual Luncheon at Box Hill RSL but we will still collect gifts for parents for Anglicare. Donations from parishioners are always welcome.



Download your COVID-19 proof from myGov  
by following these simple steps:

- Create a **myGov account**, if you don't have one
- **Link Medicare to myGov**, if it's not already linked
- **Select the 'Proof of COVID-19 vaccination' quick link**, then **select 'View history'**
- **Select your name to download your COVID-19 digital certificate or immunisation history statement** from your Medicare online account
- **Link your COVID-19 digital certificate** to the Service Victoria app by **selecting 'Share certificate'**
- **Tap 'share'** to Service Victoria, **click 'Accept and share'** and then **'Add certificate'**

To prove your vaccination status with a business or venue, **scan their Service Victoria QR code**. Your check-in confirmation will reveal an additional **green tick** to prove you are vaccinated.



**BRACE YOURSELVES**

**THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING IS  
COMING**

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**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The AGM for the Anglican Parish of Box Hill will be held on  
**Sunday, 21 November at 1.30pm**

Details of how the meeting will be run this year will be available closer to the time.

- November 4** Last date for revisions to the Electoral Roll.
  - November 4** **All reports** to be sent to the parish email or given to the Vicar.
  - November 9** **Budget and Financial Statement finalised.**
  - November 11** **All nominations** for positions on Parish Council and others must be received. (Forms can be obtained from the Vicar or parish office.)
  - November 14** Reports, agenda and other meeting information will be available online.
  - November 21** **Parish AGM** held at 1.30pm in the church and by Zoom.
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**REPORTS FOR AGM**

All those writing reports for the AGM (preferably in a Word doc), please send them to the office email by November 4.

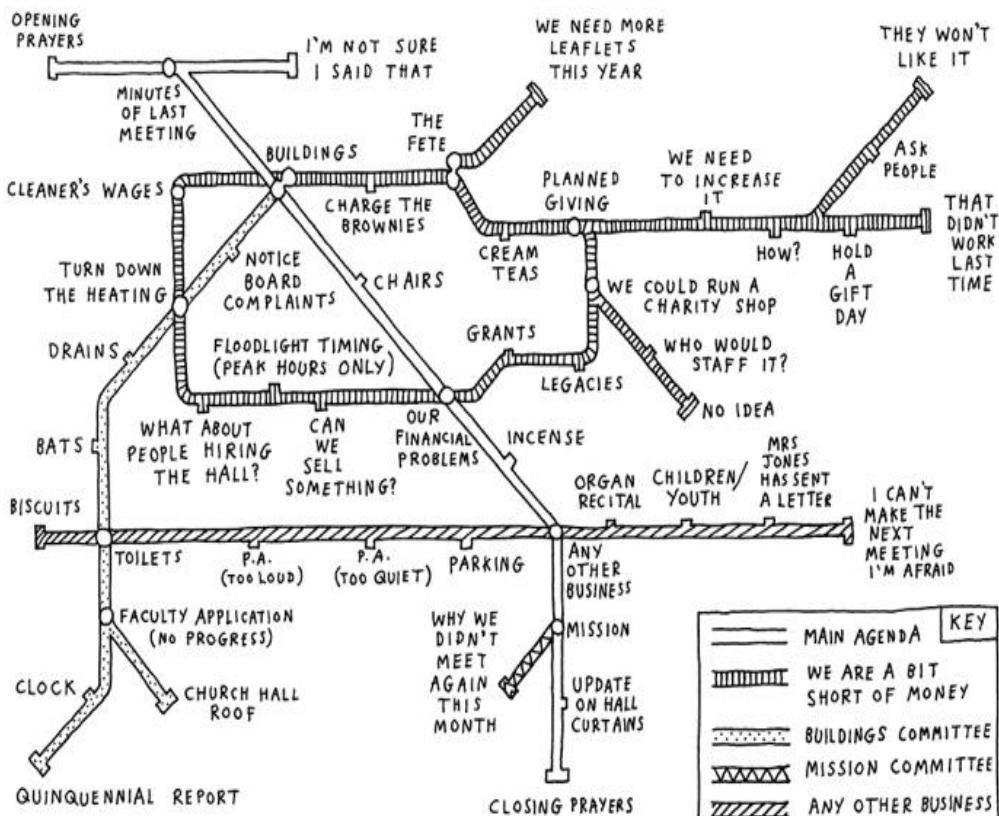
## TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

"There will be a meeting of the Church Board immediately after the service," announced the pastor.

After the close of the service, the Church Board gathered at the back of the sanctuary for the announced meeting. But there was a stranger in their midst — a visitor who had never attended their church before. "My friend," said the pastor, "Didn't you understand that this is a meeting of the Board?"

"Yes," said the visitor, "and after today's sermon, I suppose I'm just about as bored as anyone else who came to this meeting."

## THE P.C.C. MEETING



## Week Ahead

**SUN 31.10.21**

**Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost**

**9.30am** Live and live-streamed service

**11.30am** Mandarin live-streamed service

**2.30pm** Dinka service

## Some activities resuming this week

**MON 1.10.21**

**9.30-10.30am** Tai Chi *hall*

**6.30-8.30pm** Tai Chi *hall*

**TUES 2.11.21**

**9.00-1.00am** Men at Work

**8.30am-12.30pm** Office open

**5.30-7.30pm** Bellydancing, *hall*

**WED 3.11.21**

**10.30am** Eucharist

**10-11.30am** Tai Chi *hall*

**2.00pm** Play Group set up, *hall*

**8.00pm** Choir practice, *undercroft*

**THU 4.11.21**

**10.00am-2.00pm** Office open

**9.30-11.30** Play Group, *hall*

**6.30-9.30pm** Crossways ESL, *hall*

**FRI 5.11.21**

**7.30am** Eucharist

**5.30-9.30pm** Mandarin Prayer Group

**SAT 6.11.21**

**10.00-11.00am** Food drop off, *Undercroft*

**10am-1.30pm** Saturday School, *hall* and

*Undercroft*

**SUN 7.11.21**

**All Saints and All Souls**

**Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

**9.30am** Live and Live-streamed service

**11.30am** Mandarin live-streamed service

**2.30pm** Dinka service

## For the Diary

**November 7**

Celebration of All Saints Day  
and All Souls Day

**November 21**

Parish AGM, 1.30pm

**November 24**

Mothers' Union AGM

**November 28**

Memorial service for Lewis

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## OUR INFORMATION

**FIRST AID KIT** – Located in the office and kitchen.

**TOILETS** – Located in the Church Hall and in the church building through the church doors front right.

**WHEELCHAIR** – Located in the toilet for the disabled upstairs.

**FIRE & EMERGENCY** – Please make yourself aware of the nearest escape route in the event of an emergency or fire.

**OH&S** – Please ensure that any incidents/accidents are reported to the Vicar or Wardens and incident report completed.



## ST PETER'S

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### Office Hours:

Tues 8.30am – 12.30pm

Thu 10.00am – 2.00pm

### Reporting Child Abuse

All child safety concerns must be reported to

Kooyoora Professional Standards  
1800 135 246

### Mission Statement

Sharing the Good News

Telling the story afresh

Expressing God's love

Serving the community

Nurturing and sharing faith

Equipping to serve

### Vision

To ensure that there continues to be a living, committed, communal Anglican presence of liturgical celebration, nurture and outreach in Box Hill.

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St Peter's

### Limited Roster for 9.30am service

	Today 31.10.21	Next week 7.11.21
SIDESPEOPLE	<i>Not required</i>	<i>TBC</i>
SERVERS	<i>As per lockdown team</i>	<i>TBC</i>
READERS	<i>As per lockdown team</i>	<i>TBC</i>
INTERCESSOR	<b>Janet H</b>	<b>Keith W</b>
COUNTING	<i>Not required</i>	<i>TBC</i>
MORNING TEA	<i>Not required</i>	<i>Not required</i>

